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Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 15 December 1994, the General Assembly adopted resolution 49/75 J, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development". In paragraph 2 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to take action, through appropriate organs and within available resources, for the implementation of the action programme adopted at the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development. 1/ In paragraph 3 of the same resolution, the Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its fiftieth session.

2. In his last report on the subject, submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (A/49/476), the Secretary-General, in the light of the changed international situation, requested Member States to provide further guidance in the area of Secretariat activity. It was also noted in the report that submission of further reports on the subject would depend on an evaluation of the action programme by Member States, including any specific requests they might wish to address to the Secretary-General on its implementation. Pending further guidance by the Member States, the Secretary-General has no new developments to report at this stage.

3. In the post-cold-war world, global economic issues and national experiences in reducing military spending call for a critical review of this important area, which affects both security and developmental concerns. Member States are urged to undertake such a review and provide further guidance on the implementation of and/or adjustments to the mandate entrusted to the Secretary-General by the International Conference in 1987.

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* A/50/150.

Notes

1/ See Final Document of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, New York, 24 August-11 September 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.IX.8), para. 35.